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Dear Manufacturer:

SUBJECT: Transmittal of 1996 & 1997 CAFE data and 1997 & 1998 FE Label data to EPA's data base.

As you know, over the last two years EPA has been implementing a new computer system, called IOV-CFEIS (Initial Operating Version - Certification and Fuel Economy Information System). As we indicated in the CFEIS workshops which were held these past two years, the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) program would become operational shortly after the various certification and fuel economy label programs were running smoothly.

The primary purpose of this letter is to notify manufacturers that the CFEIS CAFE program is now operational, and to request that manufacturers submit 1996 and 1997 CAFE data in the next two months. This letter also requests that manufacturers submit any missing 1997 and 1998 model year fuel economy label data to CFEIS.

#### **Transferring 1996, 1997 CAFE Data into the CFEIS**

The provisions of 40 CFR 600, Subpart F, outline the procedures for determining the manufacturer's CAFE. Paragraph 600.512-86(b)(1) states that the model year report "shall be submitted no later than 60 days after the report required in 40 CFR 86.082-37 for the final production quarter" (which means no later than March 31, 1998 for the 1997 model year CAFE report). As of April 24, 1998, only five 1996 CAFEs and nine 1997 CAFEs had been submitted to the EPA data base, although the CAFE data base has been operational since February, 1998.

Manufacturers must submit 1996 and 1997 CAFE reports and CFEIS input data if they have not already done so. CAFE data should be input to the CFEIS input file named "cafe.in" and reports may be picked up approximately two hours later in the "cafe.out" output file (similar to inputting fuel economy label data). These procedures are outlined in the CFEIS manufacturers user manual, which may be downloaded from EPA's Internet site at [www.epa.gov/omswww/cmug.htm](http://www.epa.gov/omswww/cmug.htm). After manufacturers are finished inputting data and correcting errors, they should notify their certification team member, so that EPA may send manufacturers a confirmation letter.

### Transferring 1997, 1998 Fuel Economy Label Data into the CFEIS

As you know, the EPA data base was unable to accept 1997 and 1998 fuel economy label data from late September, 1996 until approximately July, 1997. During that period of time, manufacturers were asked to calculate fuel economy labels for their vehicles and submit a paper copy of their calculations to EPA. Additionally, some manufacturers had difficulty submitting full sets of input data to the CFEIS data base for the September, 1997 edition of the 1998 Fuel Economy Guide and were allowed to submit this data in an abbreviated format, ref. VPCD-97-08, September 10, 1997.

Currently, most of the 1997 and 1998 fuel economy label data have been submitted to the CFEIS data base. However, any manufacturer which has not submitted 1997 or 1998 fuel economy label information to the CFEIS data base, must do so at this time. This information is required so that EPA may publish the annual Fuel Economy Trends Report, and update the 1997 and 1998 Fuel Economy Guides which are available on the Internet.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your certification team representative.

Sincerely,

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